discussed in the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Parliament on 2nd May, 2003.

Loss making PSUs in Jharkhand

†1329. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of public sector undertakings in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of public sector undertakings are situated in Jharkhand and are running in losses for the last several years;

(c) if so, the names of such undertakings which are running in losses for the last two years and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any steps have been taken to make such undertakings profitable; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANG WAR): (a) As per Public Enterprises Survey 2001-02 which was laid in the Parliament on 3.3.2003 and is a published document, there were 240 Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) in the country as on 31.3.2002, till which period the information is available.

(b) and (c) Out of 9 CPSUs whose registered offices were situated in the State of Jharkhand as on 31.3.2002, till which period the information is available, 7 were loss making enterprises. Enterprise-wise details about names and losses are given in Appendix III and Statement 7B respectively of Vol. I of the Public Enterprises Survey 2001-02.

The reasons for losses are enterprise specific. However, some common reasons include old plants and machinery, outdated technology, surplus manpower, high interest burden, resource crunch, high input cost, lack of orders etc.

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(d) and (e) Performance improvement of CPSUs is a continuous process and enterprise specific steps are taken by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments/Management in this regard from time to time. Some of the measure adopted for performance improvement include periodical review by concerned administrative Ministry/Department, reference of sick industrial CPSUs to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for formulating revival/rehabilitation schemes, infusion of need based funds, financial/business restructuring, purchase preference for products and services, cost control measures, rationalization of manpower etc. on case to case basis.

Functioning of BHEL

1330. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. especially in export front;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BHEL has decided to enter into power distribution in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the BHEL is well equipped to venture in this business; and

(f) if not, the measures to be taken before entering into this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Government have been from time to time reviewing the performance of BHEL, including its exports. The export order booking has increased from Rs. 250 crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 1455 crore in 2002-03. The physical export turnover has increased from Rs. 69 crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 637 crore in 2002-03.

(c) and (d) BHEL has plans to enter power distribution business as a long term objective. BHEL is already supplying equipment and systems like Switchgears, Energy Meters, Insulators, SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) etc. for this business sector. It is also taking turnkey